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Originally published in 1939, this is a collection of tales about Blinky Bill, a mischievous little koala. Contains *Blinky Bill*, *Blinky Bill Grows Up*, and *Blinky Bill and Nutsy*.

## **Blinky Bill Details**

Date : Published October 3rd 1990 by Angus & Robertson (first published 1939)

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### Kirsti says

Blinky Bill was a childhood OBSESSION. I mean, you could get those plastic figures that some people put over their towel (plus the Land before time ones!) and the show was on Saturday (?) mornings and just...so much goodness for kids. Like, Blinky is naughty, but it all works out OK for him in the end. I remember sitting in Library class looking at the pictures in this one, the beautiful illustrations, and wishing I owned my own copy. As an adult, I do! A beautiful 90s printing bought from a swap meet for \$10. Bargain.

Here comes Blinky Bill! Five stars!

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### Vivienne says

This review was written by A, 6 years old.

Blinky bill is a koala who is a bit cheeky and he runs away from his home and comes back but he always runs away again. Once, they got caught and taken to the zoo.

The book is set in the Australian bush.

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### Esther says

I would recommend this book to an older kid but as bedtime reading for younger kids. Blinky's behaviour in the story was quite inappropriate in my view, which are difficult for kids younger than eight to understand and may negatively influence their behaviour as a result. For example, Blinky Bill stole cabbages from Farmer Scratchet but defended himself by saying that it was "borrowing".

Moreover, the use of language in this book was quite colloquial and is not suited for young kids who are just beginning to learn composition at school.

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### Katische Haberfield says

Very sad to say that this childhood classic is not to be a classic for my children. We stopped at p 138. I don't usually let the kids stop reading a book part way through, however, they honestly didn't like reading it and found it boring. I was disappointed as the movie was coming out last holidays and I had wanted to read it before we went to the movie, but that proved to be no further motivation. The movie, was nice but lacklustre, and did not provide additional incentive to finish.

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## **Jack Kirby and the X-man says**

This is an omnibus containing Blinky Bill: The Quaint Little Australian (1933), Blinky Bill Grows Up (1934) and Blinky Bill and Nutsy (1937).

I fondly recall the Blinky Bill character from my childhood – but never remember reading the original stories. Having now read the originals I suspect that my fond memories come from the various adaptations that have been made over the years.

I must say I was shocked by the mature themes contained in the first couple of chapters in Blinky Bill. First he is born – a joyous occasion. Then his father is shot and killed by humans, forcing the family to move. The new tree contains Mrs Grunty who's history included having her whole family shot by humans, then herself being kidnapped and transported a long distance to become someone's pet. These seem like pretty adult themes for a kids book, particularly when compared with the relatively tame TV series.

I gave this book 3 stars primarily because of the environment the books create – the idea of anthropogenic Australian bush animals and the character of Blinky a young adventurous (and naughty) koala. I didn't find the stories themselves to be page-turners.

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## **Grace says**

Remember reading these as a child! Loved them very much

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## **Tiffany says**

I was excited to finally read this book to my 10 year old son.... but we stopped just a few chapters into the second book. It was well written, though it felt a bit silly....but sadly we just did not like Blinky Bill. We were both quite shocked at his nasty behaviour and how he disregarded everyone around him and their feelings.

We soldiered on, after all this is a famous Australian story....., but it was the graphic images of death that kept jumping up in most unexpected places that finished it for us both.

So even though there were snippets of lovely, embedded were horrible bits, which sneakily appeared usually right in the middle of an especially nice bit.

I cannot recommend to this book to anyone.

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## **Emma says**

Either I never noticed/remembered what a little shit Blinky was as a kid, or the TV show portrays him as far more cheeky than downright awful. Nevertheless, I enjoyed the book, especially seeing how all the characters became friends. The sudden and sometimes violent and/or graphic deaths were minor shocks,

though, which would deter me from maybe reading those parts to younger, less mature children. However, I did give the book 4 stars because I loved the anthropomorphic society the Bush had, and the solid "Aussie"ness of the book.

I do feel bad for Mrs Grunty though. She was always right about Blinky and yet Mrs Koala always stood up for Blinky's poor behaviour. You'd be 'growly' too if you watched your family be massacred by humans who later kidnapped and incorrectly tried to keep you, only to want to live out the rest of your days in peace with your good kid but be nuisanced constantly by a wild child with no discipline.

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### **James Perkins says**

Blinky Bill, the mischievous anthropomorphic koala, is well known around the world through the TV cartoon and movies, but the book version is a little darker. He runs away from home several times and constantly disobeys his mother, who of course beats him when she catches him - this would have been a normal punishment at the time it was first published in the 1930s. His father is brutally murdered by a man with a gun quite early in the story. The animals are often cruel to each other: for example, Blinky often talks about death rather flippantly and at one point, kills a nice frog, ants kill a goanna and snake, and a fox is tricked into eating a prickle-filled dead rabbit. You could argue that the harsher aspects of the story bring home the difficulties of life to children but it seemed a little strong to me.

For some reason, the pictures are often a long way from the text they illustrate, and this forces the reader to flip back and forth unnecessarily. This is the 1991 edition, so I hope that later editions have corrected this problem. In the story itself, there are some strange mistakes of biology, such as hedgehogs and porcupines living in the Australian bush, despite neither of them being native to the country. The worst error is that Wall constantly refers to the koalas as "bears" when they are marsupials. Perhaps the intended juvenile audience would not know the word or understand the difference, but they are challenged with tough vocabulary like "impudence", "perspiration" and "consciousness", so I think they could cope with the truth about the koala.

My parents read this to me when I was very young but I didn't remember much, only that I liked it. Despite its shortcomings, as an adult I once again enjoyed the adventures of Blinky Bill roaming around the countryside, being cheeky with wombats, kangaroos, kookaburras and other Australian wildlife, and his awkward encounters with human beings. It gives children a fine message of conservation and urges them to maintain a sense of fun and justice in life.

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### **Rosa says**

I listened to the audiobook because I wanted to check out literature to read with my son when he's older. Blinky Bill entertains and delights; he's the same kind of mischievous character as Peter Rabbit or Curious George. Australian literature often falls through the cracks so I'm pleased to have stumbled upon Dorothy Wall's creation. My son is only 5 months old but I'll read this with him when he's 3 or 4.

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### **gemsbooknook Geramie Kate Barker says**

Blinky Bill the naughty Koala is one of the most well loved characters in Australian Children's fiction. There is never a dull moment for Mrs Koala having Blinky as her cup. Traveling with Blinky on his adventures

through the bush as he meets new friends and has many funny adventures and misadventures is an Australian write of passage.

As an Australian I grew up reading Blinky Bill, so I was really looking forward to re reading this book and seeing Blinky through adult eyes. Reading this book transported me back to my childhood. It is easy to see why Blinky Bill has captured the hearts of young readers for so many years.

Dorothy Wall's amazing writing is perfectly complimented by her beautiful illustrations. Reading about not only Blinky, but the huge array of Australian bush creatures featured in these stories makes me proud to be an Australian.

Dorothy Wall has created the perfect stories. Her amazing characters and great plot make for a truly enjoyable reading experience. This classic Australian children's book is a favourite for young readers and it will continue to be for a very long time.

If you haven't yet met Blinky Bill now is as good a time as any to go and get yourself a copy of The complete adventures of Blinky Bill.

I look forward to the day when I will be reading my children the stories of Blinky Bill and his bush friends.

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### **Venesa says**

I really dont think this is a childrens book, there are some rather violent themes in it, including murder. I didnt like Blinky as a character, i thought he was so rude to everyone he met for no reason. I also think there was animals in the bush that shouldnt be there? like for one, there are no hedgehogs in Australia. Besides little details like that it was a cute story.

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### **Ellinor says**

I loved to watch the animation series of Blinky Bill when I was a kid. The book isn't quite as funny as the TV show but it is really worth reading anyway. It has a slightly different focus - at least at the beginning. A lot is told of the danger the koalos and the other animals are living in. Kids can really learn a lot about Australian nature and animals from this book.

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### **Elizabeth S says**

I enjoyed these children's tales of a little koala bear. It was fun to see a little community of Australian animals, versus the British, European, or North American animals we usually see. It reminds me of how Kipling's tales bring the animals of India closer.

This book is a compilation of three books, "Blinky Bill," "Blinky Bill Grows Up," and "Blinky Bill and Nutsy." The last was my favorite, because Nutsy was my favorite character. She nicely balances and tempers

the impulsive, mischievous Blinky.

WARNING: Some children may be distressed by the deaths of a few characters, both good guys and bad guys. See the spoiler if you want to know who. These deaths are handled in a very matter-of-fact way, as fits with the culture of the time (1939) and place. Modern children may be shocked without the emotional preparation and recap that we see around deaths that may occur in today's children's literature. (view spoiler)

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### **Amanda says**

I loved reading this with my kids. I wish I could fake an Australian accent. Blinky is not a good role model and many of the other characters are selfish, but we thought the antics were cute. We listed the animals as they came up and looked them up later.

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